



BIRTHS.
On the 2nd instant, at No. 61, Wyndham Street, the wife of CHARLES MOORE, of a daughter.

At Wuhu, on the 24th of July, the wife of Dr. ROBERT H. HART, of a daughter.

At 26, Quinson Road, Shanghai, on the 25th of July, the wife of THOMAS HENRY HARRIS, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Singapore, on the 24th July, by the Rev. Father Lewis, CHARLES GRAMAM, the only son of the late Mr. J. C. Graham, Inspector of the Customs Preventive Service, to ALICE LA RIVE, eldest daughter of Mr. F. T. La Rive.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on 25th July, by the Rev. W. H. C. Druckerley, ROBERT CHARLTON to MAUDE, daughter of Mr. Frank Woodford of Seely Lines.

DEATHS.
At Varese, Italy, on the 24th July, at her Country Villa, Maria Dolores Gaggino, mother of Gaggino Brothers, of Singapore; aged 79 years.

On the 26th July, at 25, Boone Road, Shanghai, BABY, the youngest son of Frank and Nellie FERRIS, aged four months and twenty-two days.

TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph)

THE REVOLT IN FORMOSA.

THE REBELS DEFEATED AGAIN.

THE REBELLION ENTIRELY SUPPRESSED.

AIX, August 3rd.

Official despatches received here this forenoon state the insurgent forces that recently retreated into central Formosa re-appeared at Tarpang, near Kagi, greatly alarming the whole neighbourhood.

On the 31st the rebels occupied Tonselshio, a town nine Chinese li from Tarpang, and treated the inhabitants in an outrageous manner. A company of Japanese infantry, with 20 gendarmes and 40 special constables, was promptly despatched to that neighbourhood.

The rebels came out into the open and attacked the advance guard of the Japanese, who fell back on the main detachment, followed by the insurgents.

This was just what the Japanese wanted, and they gladly accepted the challenge. A severe engagement ensued resulting in a complete victory for the Japanese, who killed a large number of rebels and took about 100 prisoners, as well as the whole of their arms and ammunition.

Chinese who witnessed the battle speak highly of the splendid discipline of the Japanese, their coolness under fire, and their bravery. They also give the Japanese credit for acting with remarkable promptitude since the reports of the first reverses were received.

The rebellion is now entirely suppressed and peace is restored in all parts of the island. Trade is gradually improving, and will soon be in its usual condition at Taiwanfoo and other places.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.
THE IRISH LAND BILL.
LONDON, July 31st.

The Irish Land Bill has passed the House of Commons.

MR. CECIL RHODES.
Mr. Cecil Rhodes has offered to come to London to stand a trial if his prosecution is desired.

THE POWERS AND GREECE.
The Powers intend sending a Collective Note to Athens on the 10th inst. The note will follow the advice of the Powers, which was to allow the Sultan to restore order in Crete.

SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS.
The House of Commons has agreed to appoint a Select Committee to enquire into the administration of the Cape and South African Company, including the responsibility of Imperial officials connected therewith.

CRICKET.
The Australian eleven has beaten Surrey with eleven wickets to spare.

THE TRANSVAAL RAIDERS.
Dr. Jameson and the other raiders have been removed to Wormwood Scrubs, where they will be treated as second-class prisoners.

PUNJONS.
The Secretary of the Punjon Mining Co., Limited, informs us that he has received the following telegram from the mine, being the result of the July clean-up: "The mill ran 27 days, crushing 1,100 tons of ore, yielding 575 oz. of smelted gold and 100 tons of concentrates, which yielded 64 oz. gold."

THE TYPHOON.
MANILA REPORT.

Since José de Navarro, Spanish Consul at this port, has courteously favoured us with a copy of the following telegram received from Manila:—

"MANILA, August 2nd, 7.15 a.m.
"The cyclone has entered the island at Lat. 13 deg. The centre is passing to the south of Manila and its direction is S.E. to N.W."

"MANILA, August 2nd, 5.30 p.m.
"The cyclone is now to the N.W. Manila, in the China Sea. It appears to be receding to the North."

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY REPORTS.
HONGKONG, August 2nd, 11 a.m.

FORECAST:—N.E. winds freshening at first, but less inclined to blow. Strong N. and N.E. winds increasing in the North part of the China Sea.

The typhoon appears to have passed into the China Sea and to be now situated off the N.W. coast of Japan. It will probably move towards N.W.

At noon the Red Cone, pointing downwards, was suspended at the Victoria Observatory.

area. The Red Cone indicates that a typhoon is raging to the South, and is believed to be more than 300 miles from the Colony.

On the 3rd at 11.30 a.m.—Black South Cone hoisted. Typhoon about 300 miles to the S.S.E. of Hongkong, moving towards N.W. At 10.45 a.m.—The barometer has risen at Ballina, fallen in the neighbourhood of Hongkong. Pressure is nearly 0.1 inch below the normal at Hongkong.

FORECAST:—Strong N.E. and E. winds, increasing; equally and showery.

The Black Cone indicates the existence of a typhoon within 300 miles of the Colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE TEMPLE believes it certain that the Tser will visit Paris about the middle of September.

THE Secretary of State has appointed Mr. J. A. Harwood to be Solicitor General, Straits Settlements, with effect from April 15th.

THE Hon. John Barrett, United States Minister at the Court of Bangkok, resumed charge of American interests in Siam on the 21st July.

WEATHER predicting, a meeting of members of the B. M. M. O. A. will be held in the Association's Rooms, Fraya Central, at 8.30 this evening.

THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s new steamer *Patriarch*, a sister ship of the *Prometheus*, arrived at Singapore on the 24th ultimo, on her maiden trip to the East.

MR. DE BUNEM, British Consul at Bangkok, is, according to the *Singapore Free Press*, at present, by medical advice, taking a round tour *via* Singapore, Java, and Hongkong, for the benefit of his health.

THE *Courrier de Chine* terms with great pleasure that M. Dubail, Consul-General of France, has been promoted to the grade of Officer of the Legion of Honour. This is doubtless a case of honour being done to one to whom honour is due.

HERR P. KEMPERMANN, Minister Resident for Germany at Bangkok, has left Siam. He was at Singapore on the 24th ultimo on his way back to Berlin. A few days ago Mr. Kempermann was in charge of German interests in Korea.

INDIAN contemporaries state:—A persistent rumour is current in Siam to the effect that it has been decided to close all Government offices from the 24th to the 30th September; next, in commemoration of her Majesty the Queen-Empress completing a reign of 59 years.

THUS the *Siam Observer*:—The matrimonial wave continues to sweep our local shipping folk into the best haven of all. We have of two weddings to take place in September, and although we have no right to mention names, we may say that both expectant bridegrooms are popular officers of "S.O." steamers.

FURTHER fighting is reported from Achek. On the 21st instant, three regiments with artillery and cavalry made a reconnoitring expedition into the enemy's territory, and passed through four important villages before returning to the lines. The enemy made such a determined resistance that the Dutch loss came to eight, and thirty-six wounded. One officer and twenty privates fell on the way from exhaustion and the heat.

In reply to a memorial from the Straits Settlements Bar the Secretary of State has assented to the appointment of a fourth judge for the colony. Mr. Chamberlain adds he considers that the limitation of Assize Registrars to the class of duly qualified lawyers is reasonable, provided that the limitation be modified by making five years' service as Deputy Registrar an equivalent qualification for the post of Assistant Registrar, on the part of an officer who is not a lawyer.

It is reported that the Directors of the Indo-Chinese Fire Insurance Co., which has just been formed at Haiphong, are to be paid by result. Until the shareholders have been paid 5 per cent., which absorbs fr. 20,000, the Directors get nothing, but as the net profit increases so the remuneration advances, a net profit of fr. 30,000 giving them fr. 1,500, and a net profit of fr. 300,000 giving them fr. 15,000. The Directors' fees are, it is said, made the last charge on the funds.

THE following is clipped from the *Rangoon Times* of the 19th July, received here yesterday:—In consequence of the decrease in the freight rates between Saigon and Hongkong, a number of steamers which for years have been trading between those ports have been compelled to seek fresh charters at other ports in the East. The first one to lead the way, and come to Rangoon, is the steamer *Talartes* and she has landed 400 tons of cargo here for Saigon to-day, and we understand other steamers are to follow her example. (The freight between Hongkong and Saigon has come down to 8 cents per picul (133½ lbs) and this has been declared insufficient to pay for even the expenses of the steamer, let alone leaving a margin for wear and tear. Although the freight between Rangoon and Saigon is only 5 cents a bag, yet this is said to pay better than the Hongkong rate.)

MEMORANDA.
TO-MORROW, 4th August.
French and Canadian mails due.

WEDNESDAY, 5th August.
Birthday of Emperor of China—Chinese Consulate closed.

11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.
11 a.m.—*Ernst Steiner* leaves for Koro.

3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.
English mail due.

THURSDAY, 6th August.
Saturday, 6th August.

American mail due.
11 a.m.—*Genoa* leaves for San Francisco, via usual ports of call.

11 a.m.—*Evandale* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, via Kobe and Yokohama.

A new Shanghai daily is announced to appear on the 1st September—to be edited by Mr. W. H. Smith, who was at one time managing editor of the *Yapoo Gazette*, presumably assisted by his very able wife.

RE this late Mr. Harry Stanley, the *Madras Mail* says:—We regret to learn that the widow and two daughters of the late Mr. Harry Stanley have been compelled to leave Madras since the receipt of the sad news of Mr. Stanley's death owing to want of means to get away. It will be remembered that the news of Mr. Stanley's death reached Madras just about the time that his wife and family were expecting him to arrive with funds to enable them to resume their professional career. We have been asked to make known the destitute condition in which these poor ladies find themselves with a view to a subscription list being opened to defray their debts and to cover the cost of their journey to Calcutta, where they have a certain amount of stage accessories, scenery, costumes, &c., the proceeds of the sale of which, it is hoped, will carry them to their home in Australia, where they will be able to realise such property as has been left them. We understand that a sum of about Rs. 1,000 will be sufficient for the purpose mentioned, and we shall be glad to receive, and acknowledge in our columns, any contributions which our readers may be disposed to make towards the assistance of the widow and daughters of one of whom many in India have a kindly recollection.

OUR morning contemporary publishes to-day a translation of an article which appeared recently in that little-known Tonkin paper *Courrier d'Haiphong*. The article in question is likely enough written or inspired by some hard-boiled Frenchman who has not received as rapid promotion in the Customs Service as he thinks he deserves. He therefore agitates for the appointment of a French Chief of the Customs Service and all sorts of things in a manner that shows to a certain extent just how the wind may be expected to blow in certain French circles. If the writer of the article in the *Tonkin Star* had confined himself to facts the article might have carried some weight with it; but it is so full of ill-disguised prejudice and contains so many falsehoods and perversions of the truth, and such grossly offensive remarks about Sir Robert Hart that in our next issue we shall take some trouble to reply to the impudent and insinuating scribbler who is responsible for a wholly unjustifiable attack on a really great man; on a man who is a credit to his country, an ornament to the Service he controls, a bright star on the gloomy political horizon in the north. Played-out Tonkin officials to flood the Chinese Customs Service, eh? Never! The idea is very pretty, but the effect would be decidedly bad.

INSANITARY DWELLINGS COMMISSION.

The following Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st August:—

WILLIAM ROBINSON, GOVERNOR.

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to inquire into the existence of insanitary properties in the colony and the means to be adopted to improve such properties and to abate overcrowding, with special reference to the following details, viz:—

1.—Whether it is desirable to resume insanitary properties, improve them, and then re-sell them.

2.—The means by which such properties are to be resumed and the compensation to be paid for same assessed.

3.—How the said properties should be improved and by whom such improvement should be carried out.

4.—The means to be adopted for housing the occupants of any dwellings pending improvement.

5.—The amount of capital required for resumption and improvements, how it is to be raised, and how far it will be met by a re-sale, with any suggestions or recommendations the Commission may make on the subject.

Now therefore, I, Sir William Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 27 of 1886, entitled "The Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886," appoint you—

1.—The Honourable James Haldane Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary and a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

2.—The Honourable Crichton Paul Chater, a Member of the Legislative Council.

3.—The Honourable Thomas Henderson Whitehead, a Member of the Legislative Council.

4.—Nathaniel Joseph Ede, Esquire, to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry and do hereby appoint you the said James Haldane Stewart Lockhart to be Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby appoint Arthurson 8th Esquire, to be the Secretary to such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that all or any of the purposes of this Commission three members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum. And I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any civil or criminal action in respect of the following matters, viz:—

The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise;

The compelling the production of documents;

The punishing persons guilty of contempt;

The ordering the inspection of any property; with power also, for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises, and to do further require you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon; and I do hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the colony in Executive Council, this Twenty-ninth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six.

By Command, W. J. BARNES, Acting Clerk of Council.

THE MILITARY MULET.

The *Singapore Free Press* of 24th July says:—The political situation at Hongkong is serious. That colony has a legitimate ground for agitation against a decision conveyed in a despatch of Mr. Chamberlain, the substance of which has been telegraphed to the *Singapore Free Press*. It is therein laid down that Hongkong must pay its 17½ per cent. of Military Contribution, and that there shall be no rebate as to any revenue that might be accounted of a municipal character. That is to say, for all houses and property assessments, horse and carriage licenses, dog taxes, &c., 17½ per cent. is to go for military contribution. The demand is a preposterous one. Let Hongkong note, that by fighting this demand on the municipal principle, it is actually strengthening its hands for the demand it is bound to keep up for the acquisition of a Municipal Board.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE:
Canadian (*Empress of China*) to-morrow.

French (*Saghalien*) to-morrow.

English (*Rosetta*) 6th inst.

American (*City of Peking*) 8th inst.

Tacoma (*Brasmar*) 11th inst.

American (*Doric*) 16th inst.

American (*China*) 27th inst.

The *Hankow* will proceed to Canton at 6 p.m.

The *Tai-wei* will leave for Canton at 6.10 p.m.

The steamship *Formosa* will be despatched for Canton at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The Douglas Company's steamer *Hatsumi* will leave for Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui at noon to-morrow.

The *Empress of India* arrived at New York on the 1st inst.

The Lloyd steamship *Sachsen*, Capt. H. Sommer, from Hongkong the 30th ult., arrived at Shanghai yesterday morning.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. on the 1st inst., and is due here at 6 a.m. on the 7th.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Rosette*, with the next English mails, left Singapore for this port at 4 p.m. on the 1st inst., and may be expected here at 6 a.m. on the 6th inst.

We are informed by the Agents of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Marquis Baginewski* left Kobe for this port on the 21st of the 31st ult.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* left Victoria for this port, via usual ports of call, on the 30th ult.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, etc., left Nagasaki this morning for this port.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, and Nagasaki, on the 30th ult.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Doric*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 21st ult.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bright*, with mails, etc., which left Hongkong on July 5th for San Francisco, via Macao, Amoy, Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 31st ult.

Today's Advertisements.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES OF THE COMPANY No. 24, Prince Street, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June 1896.

THE TRADING BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

WANTED.
FOR A SHANGHAI FIRM, on a FIVE YEARS' AGREEMENT, a man who thoroughly understands the IMPORT and EXPORT BUSINESS. Only such who can prove that they have had experience in this Branch may reply to "X."

c/o *Hongkong Telegraph Office*, Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1215]

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Today's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1208]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, THUSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS,"
Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1206]

FOR KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANSHAN,"
Captain Jenkins, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRADLEY & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1210]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURACHIE, ADEN, SUET, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERMAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANTON, ADRIATIC PORTS, NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARQUIS BOCQUEHEM,"
Captain G. Costanzo, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 6th inst.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1209]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"ELISABETH RICKMERS,"
Captain Andersen, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 8th instant.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1219]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

THE Steamship

"EVANDALE,"
Captain W. Buyer, sailing at Noon on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, WASH. via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

For Particulars see regular Northern Pacific Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1220]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON.

THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU,"
Captain Vaughan, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 5th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1218]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"
Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 6th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1216]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1215]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEMNON,"
Captain B. Branch, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th August, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1205]

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